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Mr. Eric Taylor
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Dear Eric:

I have been following the Southwest Area Transportation Plan on the web and also at some of the meetings that D.O.T. has held in various parts of the State.

My concern is that the Trans Peninsula Road Project from the Chigniks to Port Heiden is not in the 20 year plan for the Southwest Area Transportation Plan. This road seems to have the most support from the villages that will be affected by it. This road project will benefit this region immensely through lowered freight costs, a possible electrical inter-tie, a boat harbor that is accessible year round, a large airport that is accessible more often than the short airfields in the Chigniks and a way to get freight out via the State of Alaska Marine Highway System.

At the meeting in Dillingham, I did not hear anyone air their concerns against the Trans Peninsula Road Project, rather I heard a couple people voice their support of this road project. Please include this proposed road into the 20 year plan because it has such varied support among the villages and the region. Most of the other road projects in the plan more than likely will be completed within the next 5 years.

I would like to see the sections added into the 20 year plan for the segments from Port Heiden to Ugashik and Pilot Point and also from the Chigniks to Ivanoff Bay. These villages would all benefit by being connected to the Trans Peninsula Road.

Sincerely,


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